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Re: U.S. v. Microsoft

Dear Ms. Hesse:

We write to urge approval by the U.S. Department of Justice of the proposed settlement agreement in the pending case of *U.S. v. Microsoft*.

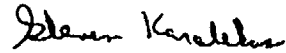
Our law firm represents a diverse range of clients whose businesses rely heavily on state-of-the-art information technology (IT). Microsoft has been a leader in this regard and it is our view that settlement of this protracted litigation will greatly enhance the quality of IT available to our clients and improve the competitiveness of IT companies across the nation.

Settlement of this case is particularly important to the Washington, D.C., area where the U.S. Government and thousands of small contractors that provide goods and services to it rely on the best possible IT to conduct their businesses and manage their programs. The uncertainty caused by the Government's litigation against Microsoft, in our view, has been detrimental to the critically important two-way flow of information between the U.S. Government and those who serve it.

We urge the Department of Justice to approve the settlement agreement and allow Microsoft and its competitors to go back to doing what they do best - keeping America in the forefront of information technology.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven Karalekas".

S. Steven Karalekas

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